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## REQUESTER INFORMATION

| Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Researcher ID Card Number |
|---|---|
| Burns, Andrew | 4563213 |
| **E-Mail Address:** | **Phone Number:** |
| afbfg4@umsl.edu | 636-415-7353 |

## INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

| Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Service Number/SSN | Date & Place of Birth |
|---|---|---|
| Nelson, John, C. | | 1892 AL |

## MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1938 TX

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

## CIVILIAN SERVICE

| (Agency & Location) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lighthouse Service (LA) | From: 1933 | To: 1938 |
| (Agency & Location) | From: | To: |
| (Agency & Location) | From: | To: |

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-6719096

CMRS Search Request Number(s): arch search

Attendant Signature:

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Remarks:

### SCREENING NOTES

- ☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John P. Nelson (Name) — Ala. (Legal Residence)

## STATUS

| DESIGNATION | SERVICE AND GRADE | SALARY | ACTION | BUREAU | STATION–DISTRICT | DATE OF EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keeper | — | 1320 | Prob. | L. H. | Aransas Pass Tex 8 Dist. | Sept. 22, 1930 |
| " | — | 1380 | Transfer | " | Galveston Jetty | Oct 5, 1931 |
| | | | Died Jan. 19, 1938 | | | |

Form 93
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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION~~ OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 21 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 18, 1938

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

In file

Herewith is transmitted the ~~resignation~~ report of death of the following-named employee:

Name, John C. Nelson — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Alabama — Station, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

Salary, $1380 per annum

Date of Death: January 17, 1938

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

**Remarks:** Mr. Nelson entered the Service as Second Assistant Keeper at Aransas Pass Light Station, and had been Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station since October 5, 1931.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JAN 22 1938
SHEET NO. 38-20
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

E. S. Kauffman
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON January 20, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ for information.

11—4025

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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| LCO | DEFERRED CABLE |
| NLT | NIGHT CABLE LETTER |
| | RADIOGRAM |

Form 16

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 1938 JAN 17 3 26

JAN 17 1938

NEW ORLEANS, LA

3RD ASSISTANT J C NELSON DIED 12.15 AM AT MARINE HOSPITAL.
NO PAPER AVAILABLE AS TO DATE HE PASSED PUBLIC HEALTH
SERVICE EXAMINATION. HOSPITAL REQUIRES DATE TO KNOW IF THEY
WILL BURY HIM LETTER FOLLOWS=

E K WAKEFIELD KEEPER.

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Galveston Jetty
Jan. 17, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst. had a cold and attack of asma but did not want to go to hospital. Tuesday I sent him to Galveston with 2 Asst. to go to out-patient clinic and they would determine if he should go to Hospital, Public Health Service.

He did not go to hospital but called a private doctor. Yesterday Jan. 16, 2 P.M., his people called ambulance and sent him to Hospital, Marine. He died 12:15 A.M. Jan.17 of pneumonia.

I have not been to Galveston through the week but did not think he was secious sick, and was very much surprised when they sent for me that Mr. Nelson had died. I notified office by telegram as soon as I arrived.

It has not been decided yet who will bury him. He did not have any money or insurance. The family did not have any. The Marine Hospital wired Washington to find out if Public Health Service would bury him.

He has a few clothes and a cot at station. His family has notified me the children should get his pay. I told them to write office as I did not have anything to do with it.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield

Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 23 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

To Dept

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 22,1936.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1936 SEP 25 PM 2 12
CHIEF CLERK

J. G. Nelson, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station reports that on September 5, 1936, you assisted him in rendering aid to the disabled cabin cruiser "Gracie D", #22-33/.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for your actions in assisting in transporting the two parties, Gus Quinters, 1011 Archer St., Houston, Tex., and L. L. Ridgway, 705 Fanning St., Houston, Tex., to the station, furnishing them dry clothes, and summoning the Coast Guard Boat to float the disabled craft.

3. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and this commendation will be made part of your official record.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich,
Assistant Superintendent.

CARD

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box327, Galveston, Texas.

A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent.

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2 copies to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C.
September 25,1936.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

R. D. Foor
Chief, Personnel Division.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1936 JUL 2 PM 2:40

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL - 3 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

July 2, 1936.

8th Supt's. letter of caution dated June 27,1936, to J.C.Nelson, 3d Asst. kpr. Galveston Jetty Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

E-K

Chief, Personnel Division.

CARDED

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office Supt.,8th Dist.,
New Orleans,La.
June 27,1936.

J. G. Nelson, Third Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that Dr. L. H. Luck, who conducts an optical business at 2212 Avenue E. Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you owe him since June and July of 1935 the sum of $17.50 which he has been unable to collect. You are directed to advise whether or not you acknowledge this indebtedness as a legal and just debt, and if so what steps you propose to take in settlement of same.

2. The record against you with regard to your failure to pay your debts is assuming large proportions, and there will come a time, if these reports continue to arrive, when it will be necessary to separate you from the Service.

3. You are advised that a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau of Lighthouses as a letter of caution to you because, for the past several years, numerous reports have been received with regard to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

4. It would appear that you had better control your obligations and the obligations of your immediate family, otherwise you may have to find some other source of employment.

(sdg)E.S.Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of Commissioner of Lighthouses. This office has been constantly annoyed by complaints of the indebtedness of Mr. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Lighthouse. Patience has been exercised in this matter, and in every case Mr. Nelson promises to pay and does make some effort towards the payment of his debts, but there is always some other creditor presenting his claim. It is hoped that the efforts of this office with Mr. Nelson may result in some improvement, otherwise it will be necessary to prefer charges against him on account of the number of claims which have been filed through this office.

(sdg)E.S.Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN - 8 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

January 7, 1935.

J. C. Nelson, 3d Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report with regard to difficulty caused the Service by your neglectful attitude toward the payment of your proper debts, it being indicated that you are neglectful with regard to paying your share of the subsistence expenses at your station and also that outside creditors continually make complaints with regard to you both to the keeper of the station and to the Superintendent of the district.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the regulations of the Service require all persons in the service to pay their honest and just and legal debts and that failure to do so is considered cause for dismissal. You are hereby reprimanded for your neglectful attitude in this important matter and warned of the possibility of your separation from the Service unless you improve your conduct in this respect. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 28 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

TO Dept.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 25, 1934

1934 AUG 28 AM 10:14
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF CLERK

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J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that Mr. John Buloich, Proprietor of the Central Cafe, 2005 Market Street, Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you are indebted to him in the sum of $12.65 for more than two months, and that he is unable to secure payment.

2. You have been informed several times that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their just debts. This makes the fifth complaint relative to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

3. The record is accumulating against you, and can only have as a final result preference of charges against you of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

4. You are directed to submit prompt report relative to the debt claimed by Mr. John Buloich, and you are cautioned to see that no debts are incurred by your family or by you which cannot be paid promptly.

(Signed) E. S.Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 27, 1934.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

CARDED

2 copies to Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV - 1 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

October 31, 1932.

J. C. Nelson, Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has given careful consideration to the report relative to embarrassment caused the Service thru complaints received in regard to your neglect to pay your just and legal debts. This matter is brought to your attention with a view to your preventing such complaints in the future, and you are cautioned that more drastic action will be taken unless you correct this matter.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy to Appointment Div.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 OCT - 8 AM 10:22

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT - 8 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

To Supt.

Office of Supt., 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

CHIEF BUREAU, Sept. 27, 1932.

J. C. Nelson, 3d Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P.O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

Insert

1. You do not seem to appreciate the seriousness with which this office receives the constant complaints relative to your failure to carry out your promises to pay your debts.

2. You are cautioned that, if continued complaints are received relative to your failure to pay your old debts, and if any complaints are received relative to later debts being incurred and unpaid, this office proposes to prefer charges against you with a view to your dismissal from the Service.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Tex.

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Copy to Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 7 1932
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

A J Groos

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

To Dept

1931 OCT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA. October 12, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 15 193
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John C. Nelson, Effective date of change in pay.

CHIEF CLERK
1931 OCT 15 AM 11 09

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of September 23, 1931, in the case of John C. Nelson, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective October 1, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 5, 1931.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 14 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

R J Groves
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1931.

Mr. John C. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (change of station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

SEP 24 1931

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 26 1931
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
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LIGHTHOUSES

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

1931 SEP 19 AM 11 16

CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., (City) September 16, 1931 (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer. to fill vac

Legal residence, Alabama.

Name, John C. Nelson

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L. H.

Effective, October 1, 1931,

[1] ~~[illegible]~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 21 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Former range, $1320-$1680

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 23 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Rank on eligible list, - - Rating, - - Percentage, - - , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Howard G. Bardwell (Lt.#1857) 1380 Services to be terminated, about Sept. 30,1931.

Reason, To be transferred to Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, January 10, 1889.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19____

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

9-21-31

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, the filling of this position being necessary in order to protect life and property.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 23 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W P Hoffman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

CHIEF CLERK
1931 FEB 24 PM 3 07

# REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 25 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse District, (Bureau or office) New Orleans, La. (Place and date) February 20, 1931

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 21, 1931, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (she) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name John C. Nelson

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1930

Remarks:

CARDED

G. W. Anderson Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)
February 24, 1931

Submitted:
For the Commissioner:
R J Gross
Chief of Personnel Division.

Submitted:
E. V. Lamphier.
(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

SEP - 9 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 27 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

# PERSONAL HISTORY

**(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)**

Bureau, division, or office Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th District (Aransas Pass L.S., Texas.)

1. Name in full John Offord Nelson

2. Legal (voting) residence Alabama (2) Baldwin Mobile
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Baldwin County Alabama When born? Jan 10 1886
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

| SEX | | MARITAL CONDITION | | | | RACE. (If other, state which) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male √ | Female | Single | Married √ | Divorced | Widowed | White √ | Colored |

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

| BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT | POSITION | SALARY | DATE APPOINTED | | | DATE SEPARATED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year |
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7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

| None √ | Army | Navy | Marine Corps | Coast Guard | War Veteran | Pensioner | Veterans' Bureau beneficiary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8.

| EDUCATION (Circle number of years) | Common school | High school | College | Degrees, if any |
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9. State special qualifications Mariners

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. A. R. Nelson. Wife
(Name) (Relationship)

Galveston Texas
(Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John O. Nelson.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 6th 1930 Present address Galveston Texas
(Date)

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(Approved by the President, May 22, 1926)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 27 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

# OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse Dist.
New Orleans, La.,
(Bureau or Office)

I, John C. Nelson, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)
solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

John C. Nelson.
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of September A. D. 1930

at Galveston, Texas
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

CARDED

Gus L. Osterman
Notary Public in and for Galveston, County, Texas

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

June 1st 1931

Position to which appointed 2nd Asst. Keeper, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1930.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1930.

Mr. John C. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

SEP 15 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field

Vice: Lenest P. Mayon

Legal Residence: Alabama

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 24 1930 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 28837

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Ed. April, 1929
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Tenth United States Civil Service District
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SEP 3 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 8 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

~~SPECIAL~~

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) September 3, (Date) 1930.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 12 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Probational appointment. Legal residence, Alabama.

N.P.

Name, John C. Nelson Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Proposed range, $1320-1620

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex. Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L.H.

Effective, September 10, 1930, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - - Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - - Former range, - - - -

CHIEF CLERK
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1930 SEP 8 AM 1

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst. L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5%, Other eligibles considered: Wilbur D. Bardwell, C; William W. Singer, C.

Previous incumbent, Lenest P. Mayon-(LT.#1877) Services to be terminated, about Sept. 8, 1930.

Reason, To be transferred to position of 3rd A.K. South Pass Jetty Lt. & Fog Sig. Sta., La.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, January 10, 1889.

Remarks: Mr. Nelson has served as seaman, quartermaster and boatswain on Tender Sunflower from April 28, 1923, to March 25, 1929, and as Laborer at Galveston Depot from March 26, 1929 to date.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ SEP 3 1930, 19

PROBATIONAL.

E. H. Barnes
Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Rauphiet
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 5 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

9-9-30

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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JOHN C. NELSON

Rec'd Jan 17 1938

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JOHN C. NELSON

Form 73
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Tenth United States
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NOMINATION

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) September 3, (Date) 1930.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment. Legal residence, Alabama.

Name, John C. Nelson Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Proposed range, $1320-1620

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex. Appropriation, Sals.,Kprs.of L.H.

Effective, September 10, 1930, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - - Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - - Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5%, Other eligibles considered: Wilbur D. Bardwell, C; William W. Singer, C.

Previous incumbent, Lenest P. Mayon -(LT#1877) Services to be terminated, about Sept.8,1930.

Reason, To be transferred to position of 3rd A.K. South Pass Jetty Lt.& Fog Sig.Sta., La.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, January 10,1889.

Remarks: Mr. Nelson has served as seaman, quartermaster and boatswain on Tender Sunflower from April 28,1923, to March 25,1929, and as Laborer at Galveston Depot from March 26,1929 to date.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, SEP 3 1930, 19

[signature] Secretary, Civil Service District. TENTH

E. S. Lanphier. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

PROBATIONAL

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 5 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Lighthouses

Gen. Expenses, LH Service

Washington, D. C., SEP 13 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Probationary appointment keeper john c nelson approved

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CONFIRMATION:

John C. Nelson
Kpr., 8th.

To Department - 9-5-30

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) September 16 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, John C. Nelson

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.

Effective, October 1, 1931,

Legal residence, Alabama.

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L. H.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1680

Rank on eligible list, -- Rating, -- Percentage, -- , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Howard G. Bardwell (Lt.#1857) Services to be terminated, about Sept. 30,1931.

Reason, To be transferred to Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, January 10, 1889.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19____

Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. T. Lauphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, the filling of this position being necessary in order to protect life and property.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-88

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1931.

Mr. John C. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (change of station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

To Dist 9/26

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931 OCT 14 AM 8:49

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 12, 1931

John C. Nelson, Effective
date of change in pay.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of September 23, 1931, in the case of John C. Nelson, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective October 1, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 5, 1931.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 14 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT - 1 - AM 9:18

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

September 27, 1932

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J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You do not seem to appreciate the seriousness with which this office receives the constant complaints relative to your failure to carry out your promises to pay your debts.

2. You are cautioned that, if continued complaints are received relative to your failure to pay your old debts, and if any complaints are received relative to later debts being incurred and unpaid, this office proposes to prefer charges against you with a view to your dismissal from the Service.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Texas.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy to Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

OCT 7 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

J. C. Nelson, Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has given careful consideration to the report relative to embarrassment caused the Service thru complaints received in regard to your neglect to pay your just and legal debts. This matter is brought to your attention with a view to your preventing such complaints in the future, and you are cautioned that more drastic action will be taken unless you correct this matter.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Copy to 8th Supt.
Copy to Appointment Div.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ESL:LEC
Incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT 29 AM 9:17
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

10/31/32 let. Nelson & copies 8th & appt. Div.

October 27, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex. Charges.

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter, dated October 17, 1932, preferring charges of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service against J. C. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, and his reply, dated October 20, 1932.

2. This office has been bothered since 1931 by creditors of J. C. Nelson. He has been repeatedly advised to pay his just and legal debts, but it appears that he has not sufficient control over his family.

3. It is recommended that a mild letter of caution be written J. C. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, as it is believed that such a letter from the Bureau may have the desired effect, not only upon Nelson but upon his family.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT-29- AM 9:17

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

October 17, 1932

J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to the many complaints which have been filed against you for non-payment of your debts. and to the letter of caution which has been written to you relative to your failure to pay your just and legal debts, you are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service in that you have incurred debts and failed to pay them within a reasonable time notwithstanding repeated promises on your part to do so. Your failure to act in accordance with the good conduct which is expected of a lighthouse keeper has caused constant embarrassment to this office.

2. A letter was received from you, under date of October 1st, stating that the balance due Paskowitz Dry Goods Company of $4.49 would be paid in full upon the receipt of your last pay check.

3. A letter, dated October 13, has just been received from the Paskowitz Dry Goods Company of Galveston, Texas, stating that the sum of $1.00 had been paid on this account.

4. Prior complaints have been received of non-payment of your debts from B. J. Loomis of Port Aransas, Texas, a Mrs. McBride of Port Aransas, and V. Cannizzo of Galveston, Texas. In your reply to these charges, you are directed to advise whether all of these claims have been settled.

5. You are directed to submit reply to these charges in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules within three days from the receipt of this letter.

6. It is the intention of this office to recommend to the Bureau of Lighthouses that disciplinary action be taken in your case.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT 20 AM 9:17

Light House Depot
Galveston Jetty
Oct. 20th, 1932

Suptendant of Light Houses

New Orleans La.

Sir Your letter of Oct 17th received in regards to the Paskowich Dry good Co account Now I am very sorry to know that the account was not settled in full which I thought was paid but found out when I went in from the station that it was not paid in full as I expected My wife went in there and paid one dollar on it but I will guarantee to pay it myself this month in full Now as to the Mrs McBride I finished paying her several months ago and am paying Mr. Loomas & Mr. Cornezzo every month as I promised to do and intend to untill the account is settled in full.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. C. Nelson

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield
Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT 29 AM 9 17

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 27, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 21 1932
1932 OCT 22 AM 9:17
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Jetties
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 20th, 1932

Supterdant of Light Houses
New Orleans La

Sir your Letter of Oct 17th
Received in Rigards to the Paskowitch
Dry good co account Now I am
Very Sorry to know that the account
was Not Settled in full Which I
thought was Paid But found Out
when I went in from the Station
that it was Not Paid in full as I
Expected My wife went in there and
Paid one Dollar on it But I Will
Guarntle to Pay it My Self this Month in
Full Now as to the Mrs M C Bride I finished
Paying her Several Months a go and am
Paying Mr Lovnas & Mr Comezzo every
Month as I Promised to Do and intend
to un till the account is Settled in full

Respectfully

J C Nelson

E K Wakefield
Keeper.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

October 17, 1932

J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to the many complaints which have been filed against you for non-payment of your debts. and to the letter of caution which has been written to you relative to your failure to pay your just and legal debts, you are hereby charged with conduct unbecoming an employee in the Lighthouse Service in that you have incurred debts and failed to pay them within a reasonable time notwithstanding repeated promises on your part to do so. Your failure to act in accordance with the good conduct which is expected of a lighthouse keeper has caused constant embarrassment to this office.

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5. You are directed to submit reply to these charges in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules within three days from the receipt of this letter.

6. It is the intention of this office to recommend to the Bureau of Lighthouses that disciplinary action be taken in your case.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

October 31, 1932.

J. C. Nelson, Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has given careful consideration to the report relative to embarrassment caused the Service thru complaints received in regard to your neglect to pay your just and legal debts. This matter is brought to your attention with a view to your preventing such complaints in the future, and you are cautioned that more drastic action will be taken unless you correct this matter.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 AUG 27 AM 9 45

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 25, 1934

J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that Mr. John Buloich, Proprietor of the Central Cafe, 2008 Market Street, Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you are indebted to him in the sum of $12.65 for more than two months, and that he is unable to secure payment.

2. You have been informed several times that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their just debts. This makes the fifth complaint relative to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

3. The record is accumulating against you, and can only have as a final result preference of charges against you of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

4. You are directed to submit prompt report relative to the debt claimed by Mr. John Buloich, and you are cautioned to see that no debts are incurred by your family or by you which cannot be paid promptly.

(Signed) E. S.Lanphier
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Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 27, 1934.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

2 copies to Commissioner

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1935 JAN - 4 - AM 9:00

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 31, 1934

1/7/35 Reprimanded Nelson
Copy to 8th & Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper, Galveston Jetty L.S.

1. Inclosed herewith is extract from letter of December 14, 1934, from E. K. Wakefield, Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station relative to J. C. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper. Copy of letter of December 17 from this office to Nelson in regard to the matter and Nelson's reply of December 20, which was signed by the Keeper, are also inclosed.

2. Nelson has given this office a great deal of trouble because of complaints received from his creditors, and for a period of more than a year he has been admonished with regard to different debts reported to this office.

3. It is recommended that the Bureau reprimand Nelson and warn him that, if there is not an improvement in his services, and if he does not make an effort to pay his legal debts, and if he does not discontinue obligating himself or his family for additional debts which are not promptly paid, it will result, eventually, in his separation from the Service.

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 JAN 4 AM 8 03

Eighth District
Galveston Jetty
Dec. 14, 1934

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have an assistant that I don't know what to do about. Mr, Nelson owes about $200 as near as I can find out and makes no effort to pay his debts at all, and his creditors have been after me repeatedly and I tell mthem that is his personal affair and I have nothing to do with it. I understand the Court has a judgment against him for non-support of his children.

This month when he received his pay he neglected to pay his share of board money, $10.80. This has happened repeatedly. I have talked with him and it seems to have no effect.

If he comes to town, he can not come back because when time to go back he has asthma. I took him to station Saturday. Wednesday he returned to cash his check and was to return Thursday. To-day he called up and said he could not return so I am returning. The other assistants have been taking care of his work for past twelve months, until they are getting dissatisfied. Isn't there some disciplinary action that would make him do better.

Mr. Nelson owes $10.80 for last month.
Mr. Nelson owes $ 5.36 for this month so far.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield
Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

1935 JAN 4 AM 8 03

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 17, 1934

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 20, 1934

J. C. Nelson, Third Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that the Keeper of Galveston Jetty Lighthouse has preferred the following complaints against you:

2. He states that you owe a great deal of money and that he is constantly annoyed by people to whom you are indebted. The Keeper states that he understands that a judgment has been secured against you for the support of your children.

3. The Keeper also reports that this month, December, when you received your pay check, you failed to pay your share of the subsistence expenses at the station in the sum of $10.80, and that such failure has occurred repeatedly. The Keeper advises that he has spoken to you about the matter very often without any favorable results being secured.

4. It is also reported that, when you go to town, you do not return at the proper time, stating that you have had an attack of asthma. This, it is reported, occurred when you went to town on the 8th, and you returned to the station Wednesday, the 12th, went back to Galveston to cash your check and were to return the next day, Thursday, at which time you reported you could not return so the Keeper returned alone.

5. The Keeper reports that the other keepers have been caring for your work for the past twelve months, and are becoming greatly dissatisfied.

6. You are directed to submit such reply as you may see fit to the reports made against you by the keeper, and if these reports are substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, disciplinary measures will be taken against you. You will forward your reply through the Keeper.

7. ,This office also has been repeatedly annoyed by people to whom you owe money.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 21 1934
1935 JAN 4 AM 9 03

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Jetty
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 20, 1934

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La.

Sir In answer of your letter Dec 17-34.
I acknowledge that I have not did
just what I should have done but
have talked over with keeper. and have
promised to try and rectify my Mistakes
and He has agreed to let the matter
drop if office will look over it

Respectfully
J. C. Wilson

F K Wakefield
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New Orleans, La., January 7, 1935.

J. C. Nelson, 3d Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report with regard to difficulty caused the Service by your neglectful attitude toward the payment of your proper debts, it being indicated that you are neglectful with regard to paying your share of the subsistence expenses at your station and also that outside creditors continually make complaints with regard to you both to the keeper of the station and to the Superintendent of the district.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the regulations of the Service require all persons in the service to pay their honest and just and legal debts and that failure to do so is considered cause for dismissal. You are hereby reprimanded for your neglectful attitude in this important matter and warned of the possibility of your separation from the Service unless you improve your conduct in this respect. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. Putnam

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

L. J. Langhaar
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES—Appointment Division's files
Chief of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.
Mailed by
by

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

Form 106.

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EFFICIENCY RATINGS

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New Orleans, La., January 5, 1935

EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the Inspector of the Eighth Lighthouse District for the period ending { December 31, / ~~June 30,~~ } 1934, whose efficiency is BELOW $\frac{8}{10}$ for quantity of work, good for quality of work, and good for interest manifested in work.

| NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last) | WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary) | EFFICIENCY | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | QUANTITY | QUALITY | INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK | IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY? |
| Bardwell, Howard G. | Third Asst.Keeper, S.W. Pass E.Jetty Lts.& Fog Signal Station, La. See letter from this office dated 10-17-34, re charges of disobedience of orders and conduct unbecoming an employee of the L.H.Service; also Dept.letter of Nov.6, 1934, and Bureau letter of Nov.12,1934, reprimanding Bardwell and suspending him for a period of one month without pay. | .79 | Average | Average | Yes |
| Nelson, John C. | Third Asst.Keeper, Galveston Jetty L.S., Texas See letter from this office dated 12-31-34, recommending that Keeper Nelson be reprimanded for non-payment of his legal debts. | .75 | Average | Fair | Yes |

E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 29 8 38 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 27, 1936

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J. C. Nelson, Third Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station
P. O. Box 327
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Noted (copy to Dept if necy) WPH 6/29

1. You are advised that Dr. L.H. Luck, who conducts and optical business at 2212 Avenue E. Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you owe him since June and July of 1935 the sum of $17.50 which he has been unable to collect. You are directed to advise whether or not you acknowledge this indebtedness as a legal and just debt, and if so what steps you propose to take in settlement of same.

2. The record against you with regard to your failure to pay your debts is assuming large proportions, and there will come a time, if these reports continue to arrive, when it will be necessary to separate you from the Service.

3. You are advised that a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau of Lighthouses as a letter of caution to you because, for the past several years, numerous reports have been received with regard to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

4. It would appear that you had better control your obligations and the obligations of your immediate family, otherwise you may have to find some other source of employment.

(Sigmed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Commissioner of Lighthouses. This office has been constantly annoyed by complaints of the indebtedness of Mr. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Lighthouse. Patience has been exercised in this matter, and in every case Mr. Nelson promises to pay and does make some effort towards the payment of his debts, but there is always some other creditor presenting his claim. It is hoped that the efforts of this office with Mr. Nelson may result in some improvement, otherwise it will be necessary to prefer charges against him on account of the number of claims which have been filed through this office.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

July 2, 1936.

8th Supt's. letter of caution dated June 27,1936, to J.C.Nelson, 3d Asst. kpr. Galveston Jetty Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

E-K

Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMU[illegible]NS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF L[illegible]THOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 24 11 17 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 22,1936.

J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station reports that on September 5, 1936, you assisted him in rendering aid to the disabled cabin cruiser "Gracie D", #22-B34.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for your actions in assisting in transporting the two parties, Gus Quinters, 1011 Archer St., Houston, Tex., and L. L. Ridgway, 705 Fanning St., Houston, Tex., to the station, furnishing them dry clothes, and summoning the Coast Guard Boat to float the disabled craft.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich,
Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box327, Galveston, Texas.

A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent.

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ExK ~~Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.~~,

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2 copies to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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E-K Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
September 25,1936.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form 93
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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 18, 1938

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the report of death of the following-named employee:

Name, John C. Nelson

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Alabama

Station, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas

Salary, $1380 per annum

Date of Death: January 17, 1938

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks: Mr. Nelson entered the Service as Second Assistant Keeper at Aransas Pass Light Station, and had been Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station since October 5, 1931.

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce ~~approved~~ for information.

11—4628

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

RXN068 35 GOVT. XU-GALVESTON TEX 17 306P

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES

3RD ASSISTANT J C NELSON DIED 12:15 AM AT MARINE HOSPITAL. NO PAPER AVAILABLE AS TO DATE HE PASSED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE EXAMINATION. HOSPITAL REQUIRES DATE TO KNOW IF THEY WILL BURRY HIM LETTER FOLLOWS

E K WAKEFIELD KEEPER

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Galveston Jetty
Jan. 17, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst. had a cold and attack of asma but did not want to go to hospital. Tuesday I sent him to Galveston with 2 Asst. to go to out-patient clinic and they would determine if he should go to Hospital, Public Health Service.

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It has not been decided yet who will bury him. He did not have any money or insurance. The family did not have any. The Marine Hospital wired Washington to find out if Public Health Service would bury him.

He has a few clothes and a cot at station. His family has notified me the children should get his pay. I told them to write office as I did not have anything to do with it.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield

Keeper

SEVENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 15 12 16 PM '38

September 14, 1938

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Hon. Harold D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce.

Dear Mr. King:

9/16 ans copy to Sec

John C. Nelson, an employee of the Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, died at Galveston, Texas, during the month of January, 1938. I should like to know if claim has been filed under the Act of March 4, 1935; if not, please furnish the necessary form and instructions for such a claim. 1925?

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Mansfield

J. J. Mansfield

September 16, 1938

Hon. J. J. Mansfield
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mansfield:

In response to your letter of September 14 I have had the record of John C. Nelson examined and find that he was employed in the Lighthouse Service from about April 28, 1923 to January 17, 1938. At the time of his death on the latter date, he occupied the position of keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas. This position is subject to the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended. This act does not require deductions from the pay of keepers for retirement purposes, and therefore there is no refund due Mr. Nelson's estate on that account.

It is believed that the foregoing answers your question, as the Act of March 4, 1925 (referred to in your letter as March 4, 1935) is an amendment of the original retirement law and provides for retirement on account of disability after fifteen years of service.

Very truly yours,

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to ..... Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John C. Nelson (Name) — Ala. (Legal Residence)

## STATUS

| DESIGNATION | SERVICE AND GRADE | SALARY | ACTION | BUREAU | STATION—DISTRICT & Dist. | DATE OF EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Keeper | — | 1320 | Prob. | L. H. | Aransas Pass Tex | Sept. 22, 1930 |
| " | — | 1380 | Transfer | " | Galveston Jetty | Oct 5, 1931 |
| | | | Died Jan. 19, 1938 | | | |

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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION~~ OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 21 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 18, 1938

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

In file

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DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
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JAN 22 1938
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

E. S. Rankin,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON January 20, 1938

1-21-38

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ for information.

11—4623

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

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All America Cables

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| NM | NIGHT MESSAGE |
| LCO | DEFERRED CABLE |
| NLT | NIGHT CABLE LETTER |
| | RADIOGRAM |

Form 16

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 1938 JAN 17 3 26

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Respectfully,

(Signed) E. K. Wakefield

Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 24 11 17 AM '36

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 26 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

To Dept

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 22,1936.

1936 SEP 25 PM 2 12
CHIEF CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. The Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station reports that on September 5, 1936, you assisted him in rendering aid to the disabled cabin cruiser "Gracie D", #22-33/4.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for your actions in assisting in transporting the two parties, Gus Quintero, 1011 Archer St., Houston, Tex., and L. L. Ridgway, 705 Fanning St., Houston, Tex., to the station, furnishing them dry clothes, and summoning the Coast Guard Boat to float the disabled craft.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich,
Assistant Superintendent.

CARDED

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box327, Galveston, Texas.

A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent.

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES**
**WASHINGTON**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office Supt. of Lighthouses
New York, N.Y.
1936 JUL 2 PM 2:40
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 3 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

July 2, 1936.

8th Supt's. letter of caution dated June 27,1936, to J.C.Nelson, 3d Asst. kpr. Galveston Jetty Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

E-K

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

CARDED

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office Supt.,8th Dist.,
New Orleans,La.
June 27,1936.

J. G. Nelson, Third Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that Dr. L. H. Luck, who conducts an optical business at 2212 Avenue E. Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you owe him since June and July of 1935 the sum of $17.50 which he has been unable to collect. You are directed to advise whether or not you acknowledge this indebtedness as a legal and just debt, and if so what steps you propose to take in settlement of same.

2. The record against you with regard to your failure to pay your debts is assuming large proportions, and there will come a time, if these reports continue to arrive, when it will be necessary to separate you from the Service.

3. You are advised that a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau of Lighthouses as a letter of caution to you because, for the past several years, numerous reports have been received with regard to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

4. It would appear that you had better control your obligations and the obligations of your immediate family, otherwise you may have to find some other source of employment.

(sdg)E.S.Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of Commissioner of Lighthouses. This office has been constantly annoyed by complaints of the indebtedness of Mr. Nelson, Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Lighthouse. Patience has been exercised in this matter, and in every case Mr. Nelson promises to pay and does make some effort towards the payment of his debts, but there is always some other creditor presenting his claim. It is hoped that the efforts of this office with Mr. Nelson may result in some improvement, otherwise it will be necessary to prefer charges against him on account of the number of claims which have been filed through this office.

(sdg)E.S.Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN - 8 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

January 7, 1935.

J. C. Nelson, Ed Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report with regard to difficulty caused the Service by your neglectful attitude toward the payment of your proper debts, it being indicated that you are neglectful with regard to paying your share of the subsistence expenses at your station and also that outside creditors continually make complaints with regard to you both to the keeper of the station and to the Superintendent of the district.

Your attention is invited to the fact that the regulations of the Service require all persons in the service to pay their honest and just and legal debts and that failure to do so is considered cause for dismissal. You are hereby reprimanded for your neglectful attitude in this important matter and warned of the possibility of your separation from the Service unless you improve your conduct in this respect. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your official history.

G. R. PUTNAM

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RC--K

CARDED

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 28 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

TO Dept.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 25, 1934

1934 AUG 28 AM 10:14
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF CLERK

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J. C. Nelson, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P. O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that Mr. John Buloich, Proprietor of the Central Cafe, 2005 Market Street, Galveston, Texas, informs this office that you are indebted to him in the sum of $12.65 for more than two months, and that he is unable to secure payment.

2. You have been informed several times that all employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to pay their just debts. This makes the fifth complaint relative to your failure to pay your just and legal debts.

3. The record is accumulating against you, and can only have as a final result preference of charges against you of conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service.

4. You are directed to submit prompt report relative to the debt claimed by Mr. John Buloich, and you are cautioned to see that no debts are incurred by your family or by you which cannot be paid promptly.

(Signed) E. S.Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
August 27, 1934.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

CARDED

2 copies to Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV -1 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

October 31, 1932.

J. C. Nelson, Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has given careful consideration to the report relative to embarrassment caused the Service thru complaints received in regard to your neglect to pay your just and legal debts. This matter is brought to your attention with a view to your preventing such complaints in the future, and you are cautioned that more drastic action will be taken unless you correct this matter.

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMV

Copy to Appointment Div.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT - 8 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 OCT - 8 AM 10 : 22

Office of Supt., 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

CHIEF CLERK

Sept. 27, 1932.

J. C. Nelson, 3d Asst.Keeper,
Galveston Jetty Light Station,
P.O. Box 327,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. You do not seem to appreciate the seriousness with which this office receives the constant complaints relative to your failure to carry out your promises to pay your debts.

2. You are cautioned that, if continued complaints are received relative to your failure to pay your old debts, and if any complaints are received relative to later debts being incurred and unpaid, this office proposes to prefer charges against you with a view to your dismissal from the Service.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Supt. of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of E. K. Wakefield, Keeper, Galveston Jetty Light Station, P. O. Box 327, Galveston, Tes.

Copy to Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 7 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

R J Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TO
Dept

1931 OCT 14 AM 8 49

John C. Nelson, Effective
date of change in pay.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 12, 1931

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 15 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK
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1931 OCT 15 AM 11 09

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of September 23, 1931, in the case of John C. Nelson, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective October 1, 1931, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 5, 1931.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

C. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 14 1931

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

R J Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1931.

Mr. John C. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective October 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (change of station).

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

SEP 24 1931

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 26 1931
SHEET NO. 3143
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
WJB

LIGHTHOUSES
1931 SEP 18 AM 8:50

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

1931 SEP 19 AM 11
5 CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., (City) September 16 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer. to fill vac

Name, John C. Nelson

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Location, Galveston Jetty Light Station, Tex.

Effective, October 1, 1931,

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Legal residence, Alabama.

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L. H.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1680

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 21 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 23 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Rank on eligible list, -- Rating, -- Percentage, --, Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Howard G. Bardwell (Lt.#1857) to be 1380 Services terminated, about Sept. 30,1931.

Reason, To be transferred to Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, January 10, 1889.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19____

E. S. Lamphier.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

9-21-31

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, the filling of this position being necessary in order to protect life and property.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 23 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

C. P. Sherman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

CHIEF CLERK
1931 FEB 24 PM 3 07

# REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 25 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La. February 20, 1931
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 21, 1931, 192 .

The conduct and capacity of this employee have ..... been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (she) is ..... considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name John C. Nelson

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1320 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Aransas Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1930

Remarks:

CARDED

G. W. Anderson Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

February 24, 1931

Submitted:

E. F. Lauphier
(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Submitted:
For the Commissioner:
R J Gross
Chief of Personnel Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

SEP - 9 1930
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 27 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

# PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th District (Aransas Pass L.S., Texas.)

1. Name in full John Afford Nelson

2. Legal (voting) residence Alabama (2) Baldwin Mobile
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Baldwin County Alabama When born? June 10 1886
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

| SEX | | MARITAL CONDITION | | | | RACE. (If other, state which) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male √ | Female | Single | Married √ | Divorced | Widowed | White √ | Colored |

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

| BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT | POSITION | SALARY | DATE APPOINTED | | | DATE SEPARATED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Month | Day | Year | Month | Day | Year |
| | | | | | | | | |

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7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

| None √ | Army | Navy | Marine Corps | Coast Guard | War Veteran | Pensioner | Veterans' Bureau beneficiary |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8.

| EDUCATION (Circle number of years) | Common school | High school | College | Degrees, if any |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 2 3 4 5 6 (7) 8 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | |

9. State special qualifications Mariner

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. A. R. Nelson. (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Galveston Texas
(Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John C. Nelson.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 6th 1930 (Date) Present address Galveston Texas

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

1930 SEP 26 PM 2 45

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 27 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

# OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse Dist.
New Orleans, La.,
(Bureau or Office)

I, John C. Nelson, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

John C. Nelson.
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of September A. D. 1930

at Galveston, Texas
(City or place) (State)

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CARDED

Gus J. Osterman
Notary Public in and for Galveston, County, Texas

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

June 1st 1931

Position to which appointed 2nd Asst. Keeper, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex.

Date of entrance on duty September 22, 1930.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1930.

Mr. John C. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

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EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field

Vice: Lenest P. Mayon

Legal Residence: Alabama

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) September 3, (Date) 1930.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 12 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Probational appointment. Legal residence, Alabama.

N.P.

Name, John C. Nelson Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Proposed range, $1320-1620

Location, Aransas Pass Light Station, Tex. Appropriation, Sals.,Kprs.of L.H.

Effective, September 10, 1930, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - - - Former salary, - - - -

Location, - - - - Former range, - - - -

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Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 89.5%, Other eligibles considered: Wilbur D. Bardwell, C; William W. Singer, C.

Previous incumbent, Lenest P. Mayon-(LT.#1877) Services to be terminated, about Sept.8,1930.

Reason, To be transferred to position of 3rd A.K. South Pass Jetty Lt.& Fog Sig.Sta., La.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, January 10,1889.

Remarks: Mr. Nelson has served as seaman, quartermaster and boatswain on Tender Sunflower from April 28,1923, to March 25,1929, and as Laborer at Galveston Depot from March 26,1929 to date.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ SEP 3 1930, 19

PROBATIONAL.

[signature] Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

E. S. Lauphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 5 - 1930

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Action O. K.

[signature]
Chief Clerk

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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